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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN ASSURED PRESIDENCY OF CAF

1. LA PAZ NEWSPAPERS REPORTED ON MARCH 5 THAT THE DESIGNATION OF JULIO SANJINES GOITIA AS EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CAF) WAS ASSURED AT THE MEETING OF ANDEAN PACT MEMBERS IN LIMA THIS WEEK. THIS INFORMATION, UNOFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY HIGH GOB OFFICIALS, ASSERTS THAT COLOMBIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, PERU AND VENEZUELA HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE BOLIVIAN CANDIDATE IN ELECTIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SIXTEENTH EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CARTAGENA AGREEMENT IN APRIL. THE WAY FOR SANJINES' ELECTION WAS CLEARED BY THE DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ECUADOR, PERU AND VENEZUELA AS MEMBERS OF THE ANDEAN PACT JUNTA. BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE EXPECTED DESIGNATION OF SANJINES, COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT CAF IS WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ARE.

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2. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT AT THE MEETING JUST ENDED BOLIVIA,

VENEZUELA, PERU AND ECUADOR ARGUED THAT SINCE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE PACT'S FIRST FIVE YEARS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY REALIZED, THE TARIFF ALIGNMENTS PROJECTED FOR THE SECOND FIVE-YEAR PERIOD CANNOT NOW BE INSTITUTED. BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF FINANCE CARLOS CALVO, ALONG WITH ALL PRESENT, REITERATED THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN PACT MECHANISMS.

3. THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION REPEATED PRESIDENT BANZER'S OFFER TO HOST A MEETING "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL" TO DEFINITELY SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE PACT.
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